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TAGS: EAIR, VE
SUBJECT: CIVAIR: REFUSAL OF EXTRA SECTION

1. LATE EVENING MARCH 17, 1978, GOV DIRECTOR OF AIR TRANSPORT
REFUSED AUTHORIZATION TO PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS TO FLY AN
EXTRA SECTION CARACAS-MIAMI BY B-747. APPARENTLY, PAA HAD AN
OVERBOOKING PROBLEM AND THIS PARTICULAR EXTRA SECTION WAS NOT
ONE OF A PACKAGE WHICH PAA NORMALLY REQUESTS AND RECEIVES
AUTHORIZATION FOR AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH MONTH. NORMALLY,
PAA REQUESTS SUCH EXTRA SECTION PACKAGES AND EACH FLIGHT IS
DISCOUNTED FROM THIS PACKAGE.

2. EMBASSY PHONED THE DIRECTOR AT HIS HOME IN ORDER TO
ACHIEVE A REVERSAL OF HIS DECISION BUT HE WAS ADAMANT.

3. TODAY, AMBASSADOR TIRADO OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
PHONED IN RELATION TO THIS MATTER. HE STATED THAT THIS
CASE WAS THE DIRECT RESULT OF THE FRUITLESS TALKS HELD
RECENTLY IN WASHINGTON REGARDING TARIFFS. ACCORDING TO
TIRADO, THE DIRECTORATE OF AIR TRANSPORT INTENDS TO
EXERT PRESSURE ON PAA TO DEMONSTRATE THE DIRECTORATE'S
FEELING OF FRUSTRATION. TIRADO WISHED TO WARN THE
EMBASSY AND TO REQUEST IT TO ASK PAA TO STICK STRICTLY
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TO WHAT IS STIPULATED BY THE BILATERAL, ITS AMENDMENTS
AND AGREEMENTS. HE FEELS THAT UNDER OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES
AUTHORIZATION FOR THIS FLIGHT WOULD HAVE BEEN GRANTED.

4. WHILE THIS APPEARS TO BE UNRELATED AND UNREALISTIC,
OUR KNOWLEDGE OF PERSONALITIES INVOLVED APPEARS TO
INDICATE THAT SUCH A REACTION ON THE SIDE OF THE GOV

IS NOT ALL IMPOSSIBLE. TIRADO APPEARS TO BE
INTERESTED MAINLY IN KEEPING PEACE AND NOT TO LET
A SITUATION DETERIORATE WHICH, IN HIS OPINION, WAS
CAUSED SOLELY BU USG BEING UNPREPARED TO DISCUSS THE
APPLICATION AND APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF IATA RATES
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EXISTING BILATERAL.

5. EMBASSY WOULD STILL BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING A
REPORT ON THE WASHINGTON TALKS SO WE CAN RESPOND
BETTER TO QUESTIONS AND INTERPRET USG VIEWPOINT.
VAKY

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